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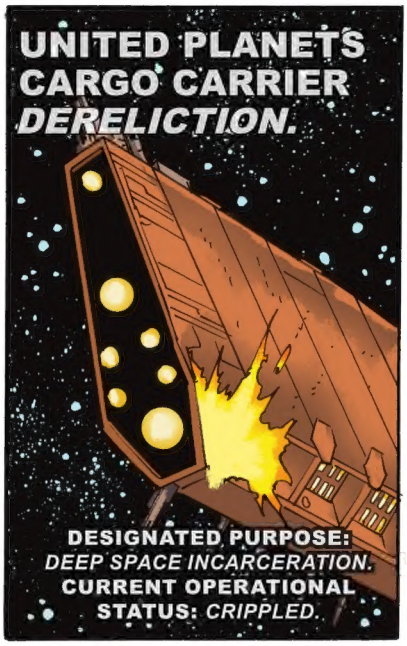

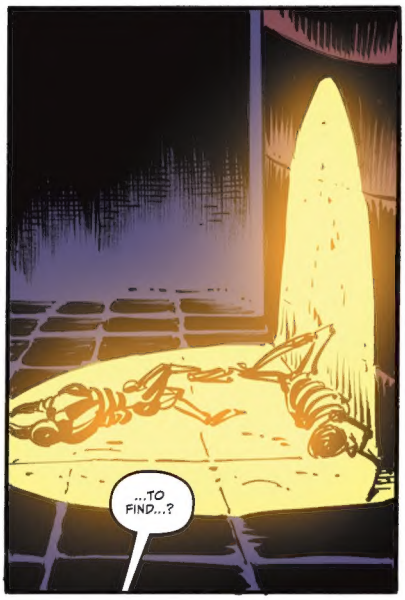

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CHAPTER SEVEN:
GREEN HELL

EYE SEE THE FEAR ON YOUR FACE. BECAUSE EYE AM BEYOND EVERYTHING YOU ARE--

--EYE AM THE EMERALD EMPRESS.

YOUR VERY EXISTENCE IS SO FAR BENEATH ME, PHAROS. YOUR LIFE IS WORTHLESS--

--BUT EYE WILL GLADLY END IT FOR YOU.

YOUR BLUSTER DOES NOT IMPRESS.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD RETURN TO YOUR CELL...!

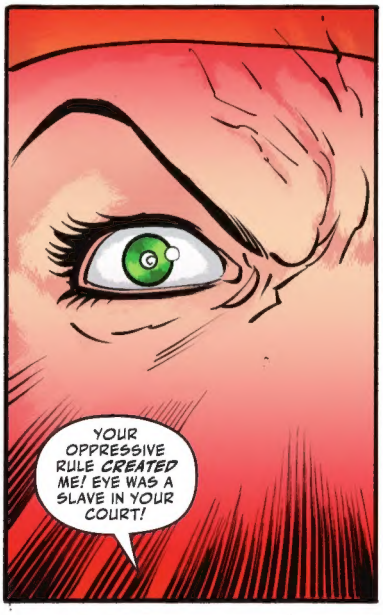
NG--!
EYE NO LONGER RECOGNIZE YOUR AUTHORITY, DUKE--

--NOW YOU WILL RECOGNIZE MINE!

HNNNK--!

GENERAL ZOD...?
WHAT MANNER OF CHAOS IS THIS...?!
HIGHLY UNUSUAL!

SO YOU'VE ARRIVED EN MASSE!
NO MATTER. IT WORKS TO MY ADVANTAGE--

--NOW EYE CAN INCINERATE YOU ALL AT ONCE!
IS SHE TALKING TO YOU?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS ADDRESSING YOU!

YOUR OPPRESSIVE RULE CREATED ME! EYE WAS A SLAVE IN YOUR COURT!

SO MANY TIMES IN MY MIND, EYE HAVE SLAIN YOU...
WHAT...?
SHE'S OUT OF HER CORE!

...YET MY THIRST FOR VENGEANCE HAS NEVER BEEN QUENCHED!
IT CONTINUES TO BURN WITHIN ME...

...THIS TIME, HOWEVER, EYE WILL FINALLY BE SATIATED!
I THINK SHE MEANS IT!
STEP ASIDE--

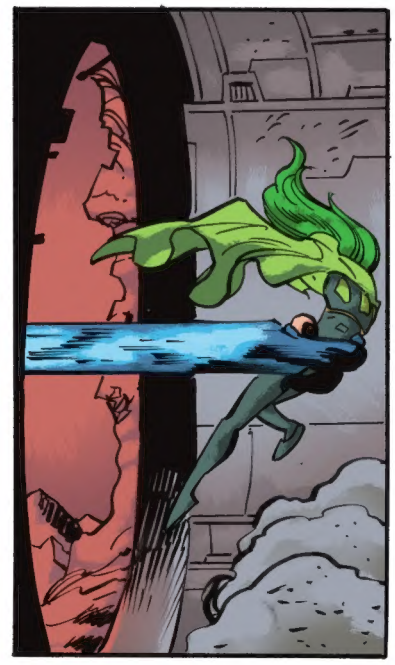
--THIS IS MY FIGHT.
JUST STAY OUT OF THE WAY.

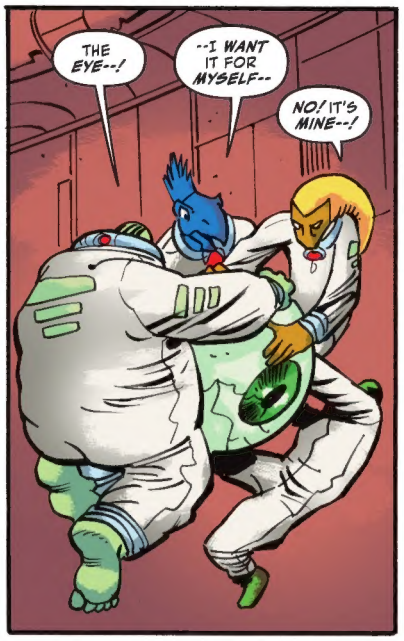
YOU DARE RISE LIKE A PHOENIX, DUKE--?!
EYE WILL DESTROY THIS ENTIRE VESSEL FROM THE INSIDE OUT!

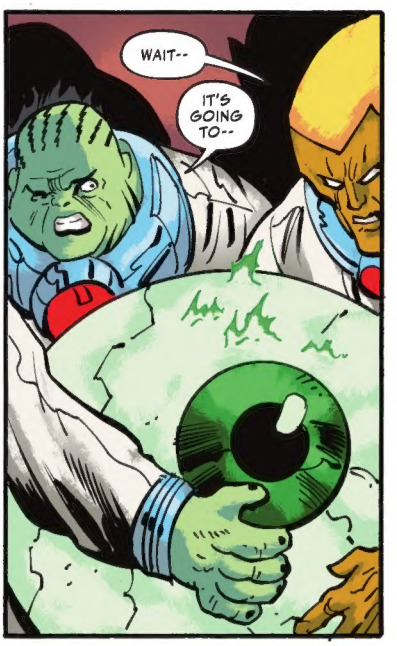
NOT WHILE WE'RE STILL TRAPPED ON IT!
YOU'LL PARDON US IF WE REND YOU LIMB FROM LIMB OUT OF PURE SELF-PRESERVATION--

ENOUGH.

YOU DARE TO ADVANCE UPON ME--




THE EYE--!
--I WANT IT FOR MYSELF--
NO! IT'S MINE--!

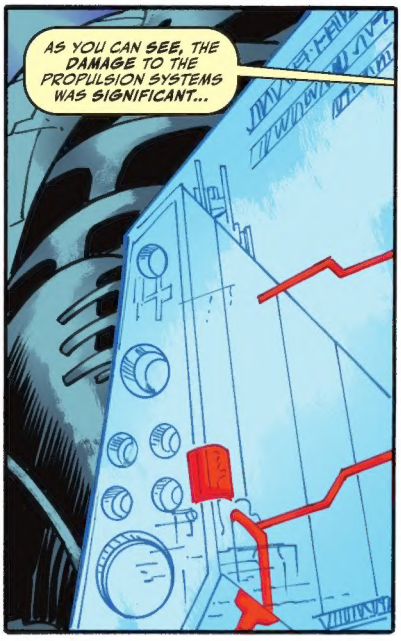
CLEARLY, YOUR MIND IS GONE--
--AND YOUR WEAPON CAN'T HELP YOU NOW--!

WAIT--
IT'S GOING TO--

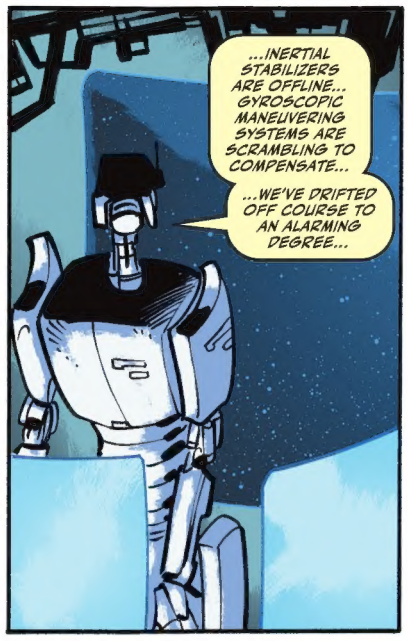
CONSIDER THIS A FORM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT--
--EH?

G-GENERAL...?
PERHAPS HE DIDN'T SURVIVE...

...OR DID HE?
INDEED I DID...

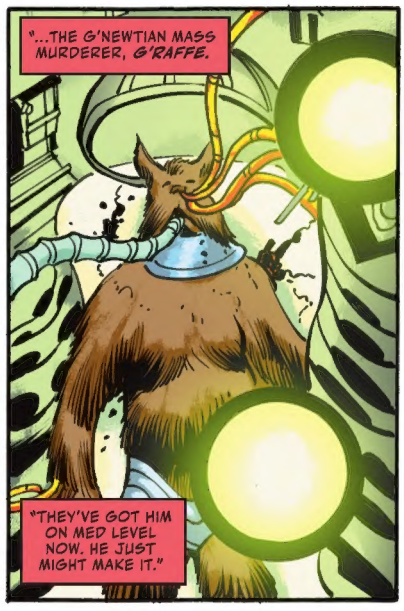
...AND THE ENEMY HAS MADE THEIR ESCAPE.

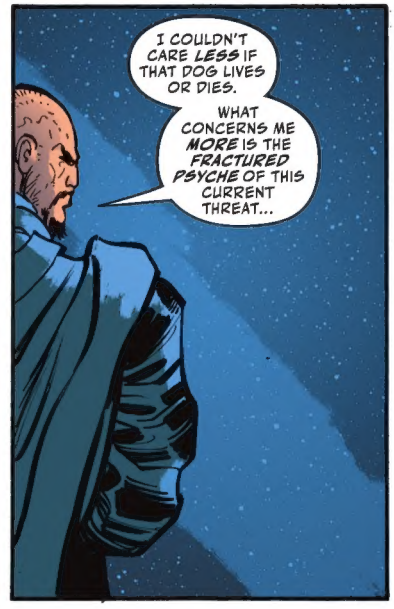

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE DAMAGE TO THE PROPULSION SYSTEMS WAS SIGNIFICANT...


...INERTIAL STABILIZERS ARE OFFLINE... GYROSCOPIC MANEUVERING SYSTEMS ARE SCRAMBLING TO COMPENSATE...
...WE'VE DRIFTED OFF COURSE TO AN ALARMING DEGREE...

...WE DON'T HAVE THE PARTS ON BOARD TO PERFORM THE PROPER REPAIRS...
AND OUR EMERALD ENEMY IS STILL ON THE LOOSE, SOMEWHERE ON THIS SHIP...

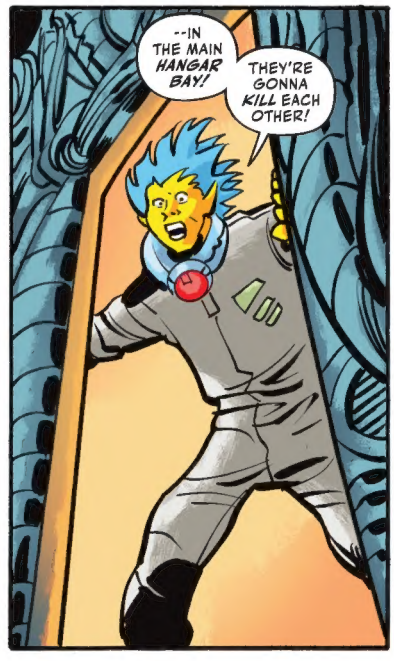
STAPH DISCOVERED MORE VICTIMS IN AN ACCESS SHAFT.
TWO DEAD AND ONE SURVIVOR...


"...THE G'NEWTIAN MASS MURDERER, G'RAFFE.
"THEY'VE GOT HIM ON MED LEVEL NOW. HE JUST MIGHT MAKE IT."


I COULDN'T CARE LESS IF THAT DOG LIVES OR DIES.
WHAT CONCERNS ME MORE IS THE FRACTURED PSYCHE OF THIS CURRENT THREAT...

...SHE KEPT REFERRING TO US AS EITHER "DUKE" OR "PHAROS"--
OF ORANDO?
TELL ME SOMETHING, GENERAL--HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE EYE OF EKRON...?

DON'T SPEAK TO ME OF MYTHS AND LEGENDS, MYRRZ--
BE AWARE! IT'S ALL GOING DOWN--


--IN THE MAIN HANGAR BAY!
THEY'RE GONNA KILL EACH OTHER!

YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR THIS, YOU GELATINOUS WARF--!
LIZTOMM'S GONNA WRECK IT UP!
OH, IT'S ON NOW!
--SHE'S ON A SPROCKIN' TEAR--

--THEY BEEN EYEBALLIN' EACH OTHER FOR COUNT-LESS CYCLES--
I WANNA SEE BLOOD!
ONE LIVES! ONE DIES!
--NO MYRRZ AROUND TO STOP 'EM--
LET 'EM SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL!

YOU'RE AN ABSOLUTE JOKE, LIZTOMM! I JUST WENT UP AGAINST THE EVIL EYE ITSELF--
SMOKE HER, JARMAX!
--YOU THINK I'M SWEATING YOU?!
SHOW HER WHAT IT MEANS TO START SOME SCRIK WITH A ZAROXIAN!

C'MON! LET'S GET GOING!
PROVE WHO IS THE SUPERIOR WARRIOR--!
WHAT THE NYKX?! IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY...?

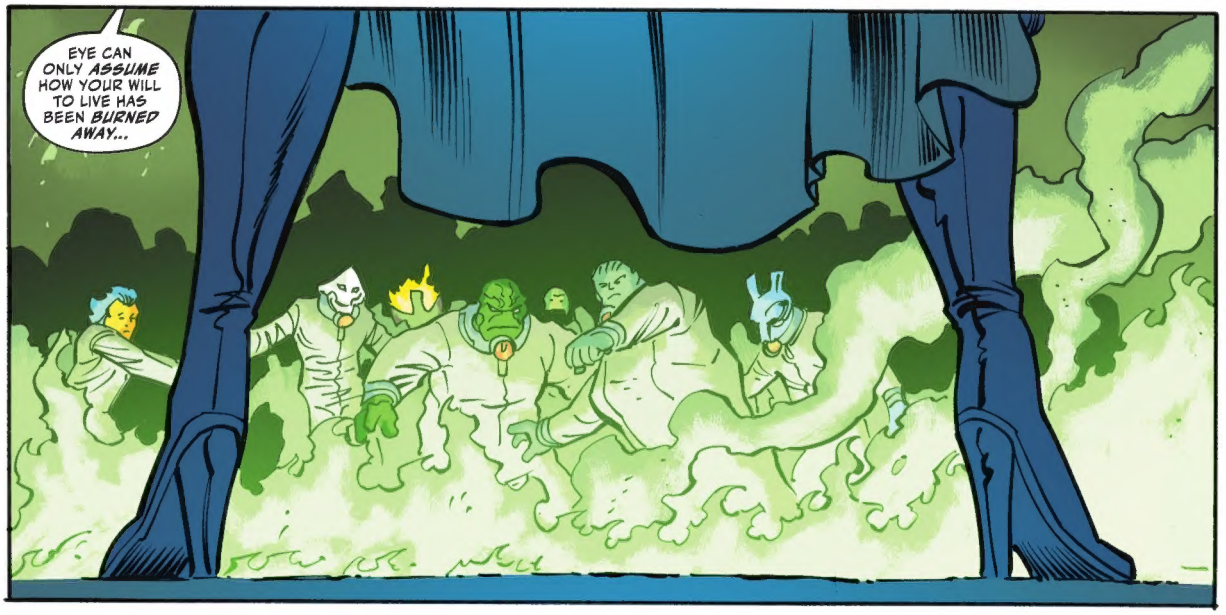
BRING IT, TUGBOAT!
IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!

YOWZA--!
--EVEN I FELT THAT--
GET HER!
--SOMEONE SLICE OPEN A VEIN--

SO, DUKE PHAROS...
...THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF ENTERTAINMENT?!
GRIFE--!

IT'S HER, AIN'T IT--?!
INDEED! AND SHE IS NOT TO BE REASONED WITH!
SUCH AN UTTERLY PATHETIC DISPLAY...YET SO FITTING--

--ONCE AGAIN CONFIRMING EXACTLY WHY YOU SHOULD DIE!


EYE CAN ONLY *ASSUME* HOW YOUR WILL TO LIVE HAS BEEN *BURNED AWAY...*

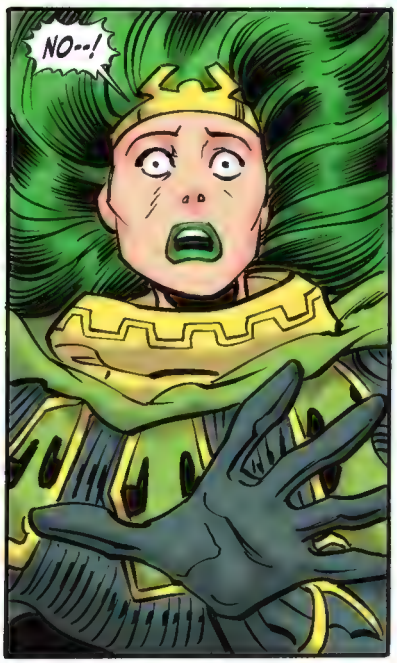
...YOUR *SOULS* REDUCED TO MERE *ASH.*
WHAT *OTHER* HELLS CAN EYE *INFLICT* UPON YOU ALL...?

SPEAKING OF *HELL,* WOMAN--
WHA--?!

--LET ME SHARE SOME OF *MINE.*

TENACIOUS, TO SAY THE LEAST.
YOUR MADNESS TOO EASILY FINDS EXPRESSION--

--THROUGH THIS COSMIC ABERRATION!


NO--!

YES!
ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY--
JARMAX--

--YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY HOPE TO SUBDUE--
WATCH OUT! IT'S GOING TO--

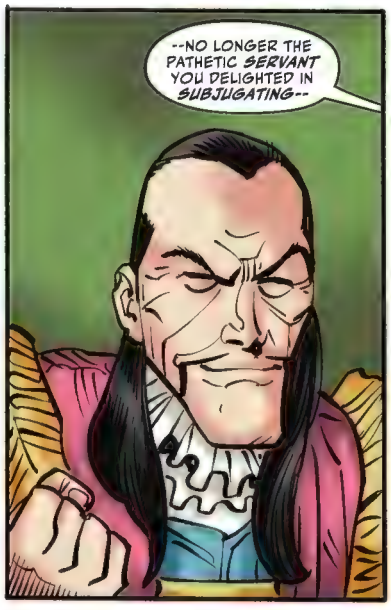
HHHRRRRR--

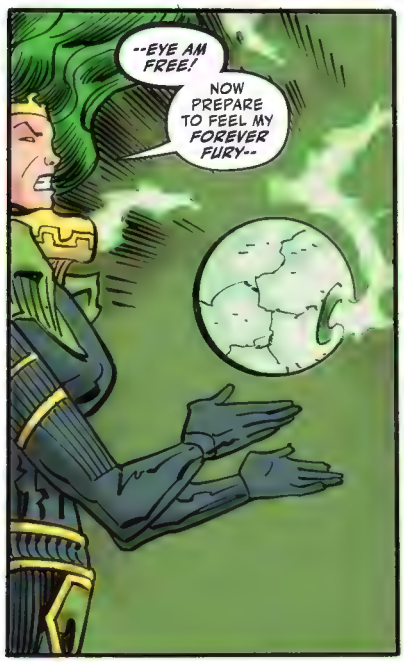
--GUH!
ANOTHER LESSON LEARNED...

...ONE THAT YOU FRUSTRATINGLY REFUSE TO ACCEPT, DUKE!
I AM NOT THE ORANDAN ROYAL THAT TORTURES YOU, EMPRESS--

--BUT I MUST END YOU.
YOU CAN TRY...

...BUT YOU WILL FAIL!
EYE AM THE LIVING EMBODIMENT OF ETERNAL POWER--


--NO LONGER THE PATHETIC SERVANT YOU DELIGHTED IN SUBJUGATING--

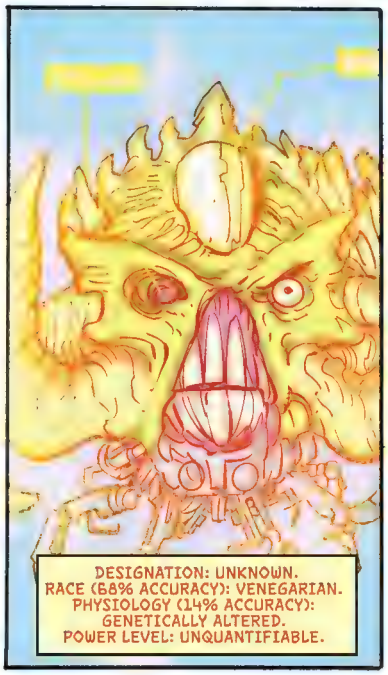

--EYE AM FREE!
NOW PREPARE TO FEEL MY FOREVER FURY--

--AAAHHH!
WH-WHAT NEW ATTACK IS THIS--?!

GENERAL--COLLISION ALERT!
SOMETHING VIOLENT HAS ENGAGED THE SHIP!
SOMETHING EXTERIOR--

I CAN'T IMAGINE THESE EVENTS ARE UNRELATED!
UEL-9--

--SCAN AND REPORT!
RECEIVING DATA NOW. IT IS AN ORGANIC LIFE-FORM...
...ONE THAT I AM WHOLLY UNFAMILIAR WITH!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RACE (68% ACCURACY): VENEGARIAN.
PHYSIOLOGY (14% ACCURACY): GENETICALLY ALTERED.
POWER LEVEL: UNQUANTIFIABLE.

NO! NEVER AGAIN--!
EYE WILL NOT RELINQUISH MY SALVATION!
YOU'VE CROSSED OVER INTO A DARK ABYSS--

--WHICH LEAVES YOU PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE!

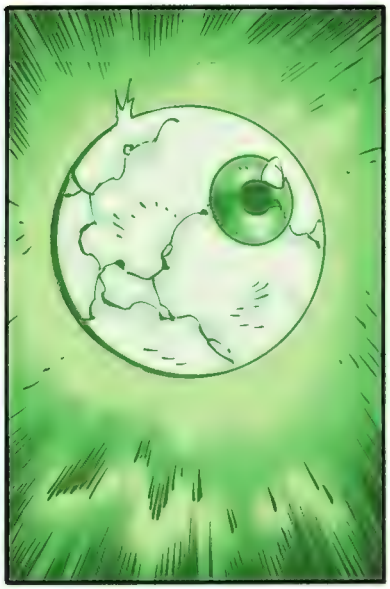
A PALE MARTIAN? EYE KNOW YOUR WEAKNESS--
--FIRE!

N-NO--!

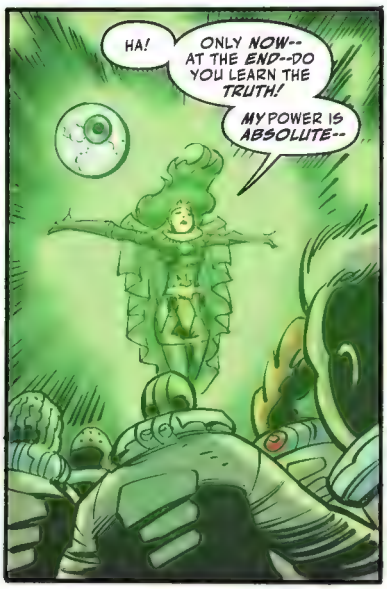
NO LONGER WILL YOU SATISFY YOUR MURDEROUS CRAVINGS--
--NOT ON MY SHIP!

WHAT THE NATTERING NASS IS HAPPENING?!
SOME FORCE...TEARING AT THE HULL--?!

...HHNNNN...
...I C-CAN STILL...
...PULL IT OUT...

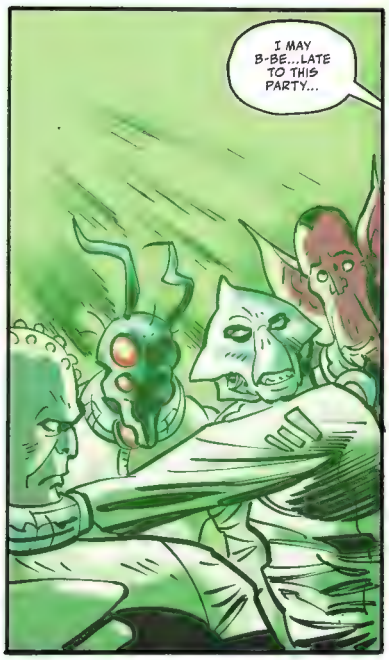


GNNH--!
WH-WHAT BRAND OF ENERGY...
...FELLS ME LIKE THIS--?!

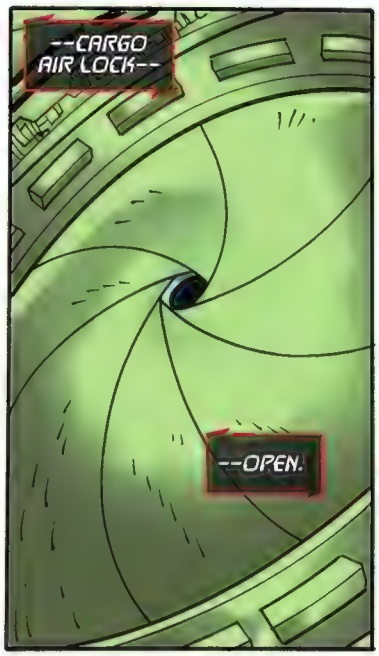

HA!
ONLY NOW-- AT THE END--DO YOU LEARN THE TRUTH!
MY POWER IS ABSOLUTE--

--EYE MAKE MAGIC!

IF NOTHING ELSE--
--I WILL SILENCE YOUR CATERWAULING!
YOU DARE--?!

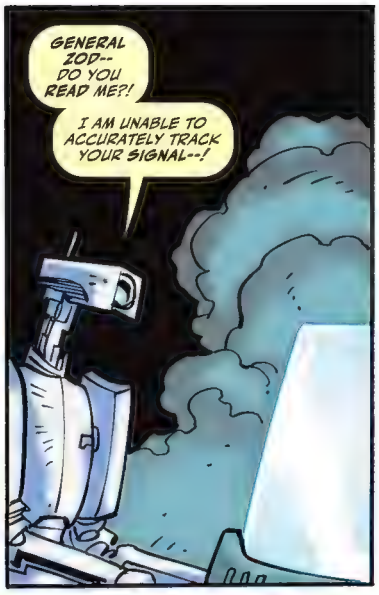

I MAY B-BE...LATE TO THIS PARTY...

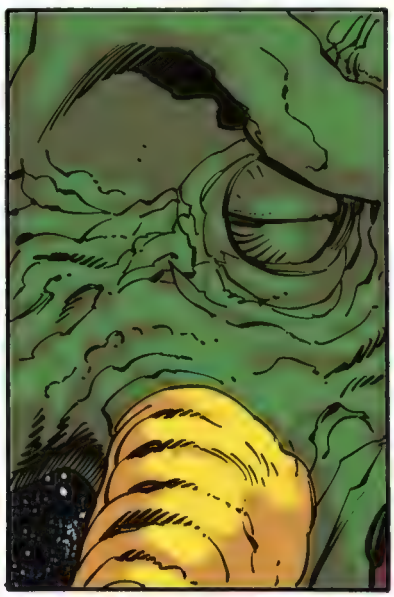
...BUT I'VE...STILL G-GOT TRICKS...
INITIATING MANUAL CONTROL--

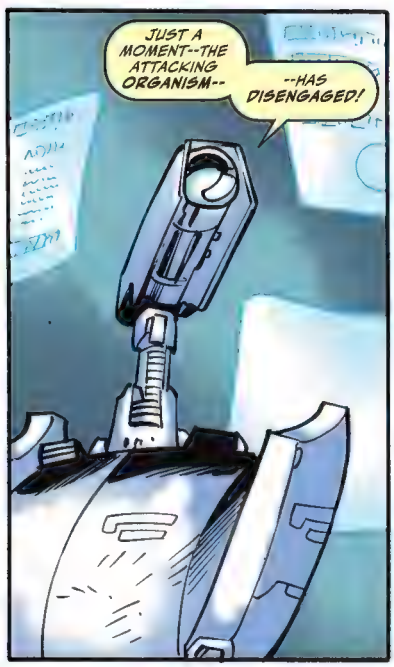

--CARGO AIR LOCK--
--OPEN.

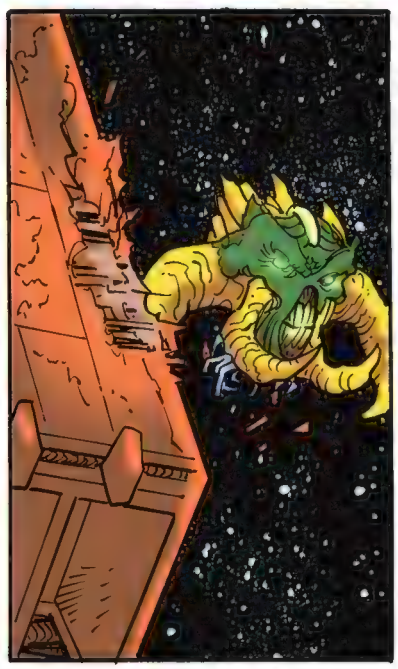
AIR LOCK SEAL--
--RESTORED.

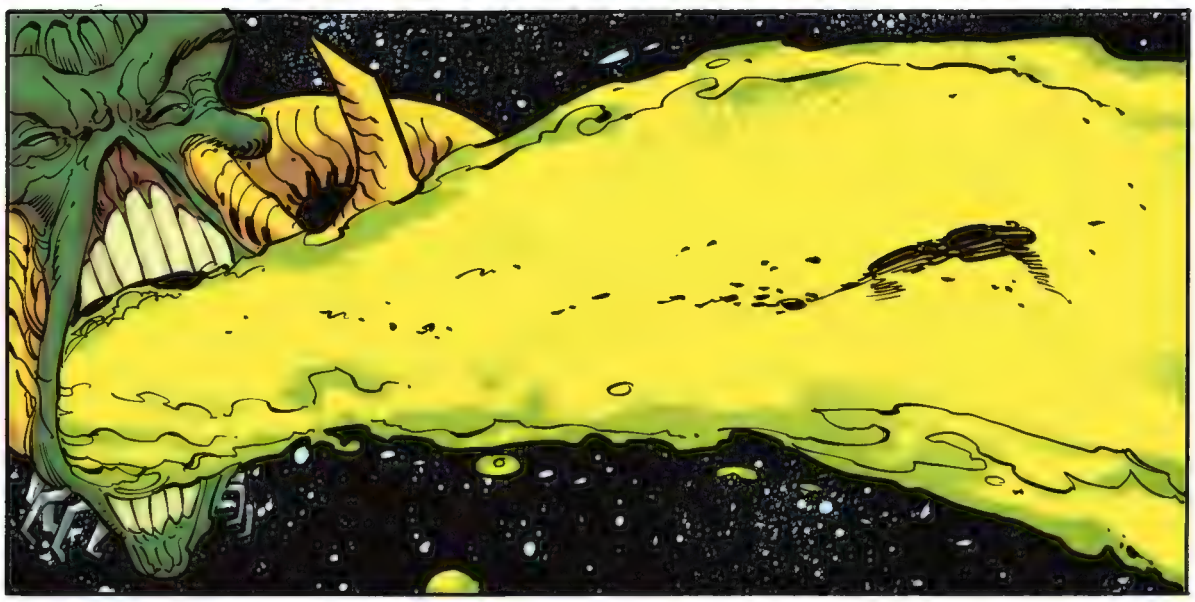
WHAT THE NYKX--?!
...SUCKED OUT THROUGH THE AIR LOCK!
I...CAN BREATHE AGAIN...

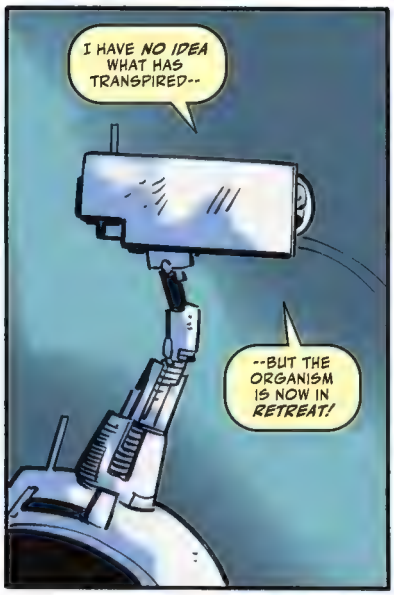

GENERAL ZOD--DO YOU READ ME?!
I AM UNABLE TO ACCURATELY TRACK YOUR SIGNAL--!

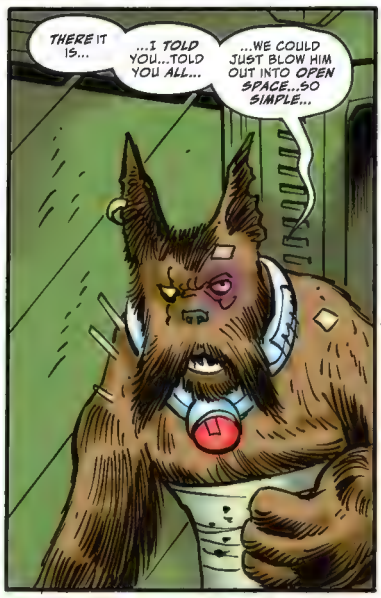



JUST A MOMENT--THE ATTACKING ORGANISM--
--HAS DISENGAGED!

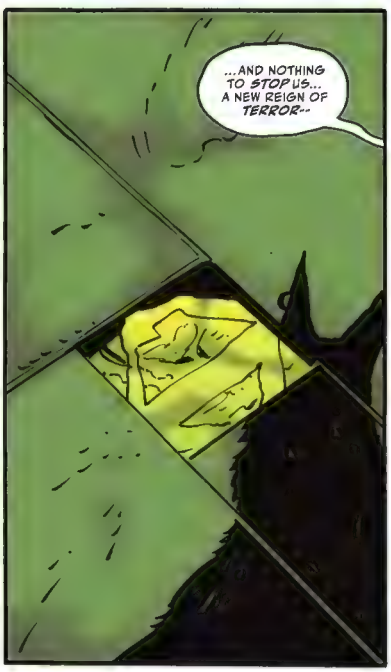





I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED--
--BUT THE ORGANISM IS NOW IN RETREAT!

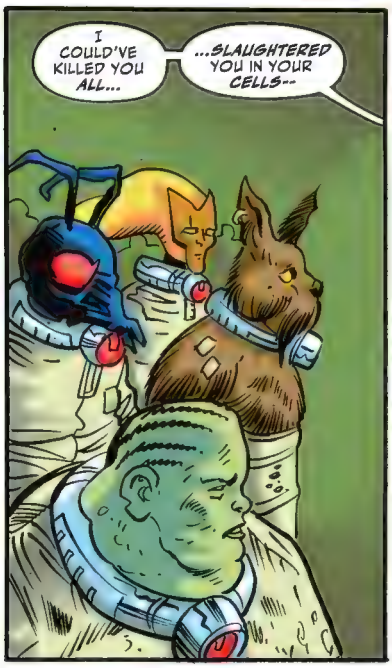

THERE IT IS...
...I TOLD YOU...TOLD YOU ALL...
...WE COULD JUST BLOW HIM OUT INTO OPEN SPACE...SO SIMPLE...

...NOW WE'RE IN CHARGE...
...WE HAVE A SHIP...THE MEANS TO GO WHERE WE WILL...


...AND NOTHING TO STOP US... A NEW REIGN OF TERROR--

YOU ONLY THINK YOU KNOW TERROR, MONGREL...

...BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA.


I COULD'VE KILLED YOU ALL...
...SLAUGHTERED YOU IN YOUR CELLS--

--INSTEAD, I LAID-- AT YOUR WORTHLESS FEET--A VISION OF CONQUEST! I GAVE YOU PURPOSE!
I MADE YOU INTO AN ARMY OF HATE!

CLEARLY, YOU HAVE YET TO LEARN THE FIRST LESSON--
--PAY ALLEGIANCE TO YOUR GENERAL!

OTHERWISE--YOU ARE NOTHING! YOU HAVE NOTHING!
AND YOU SEEK TO PROVE YOUR METTLE BY ATTEMPTING TO END ME--?!

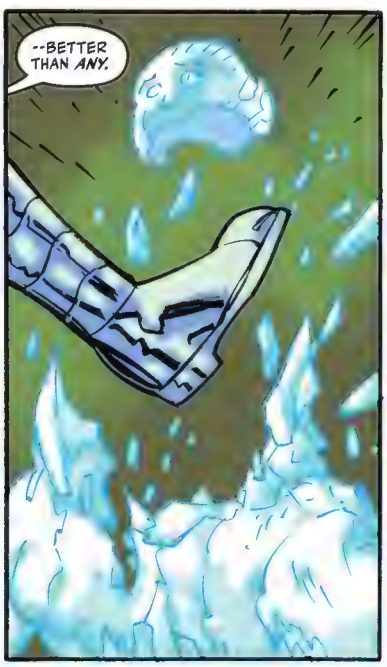
NONE OF YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO END ME!

WITHIN ALL OF YOU, I SEE ONLY WEAKNESS AND--
...G-GENERAL...

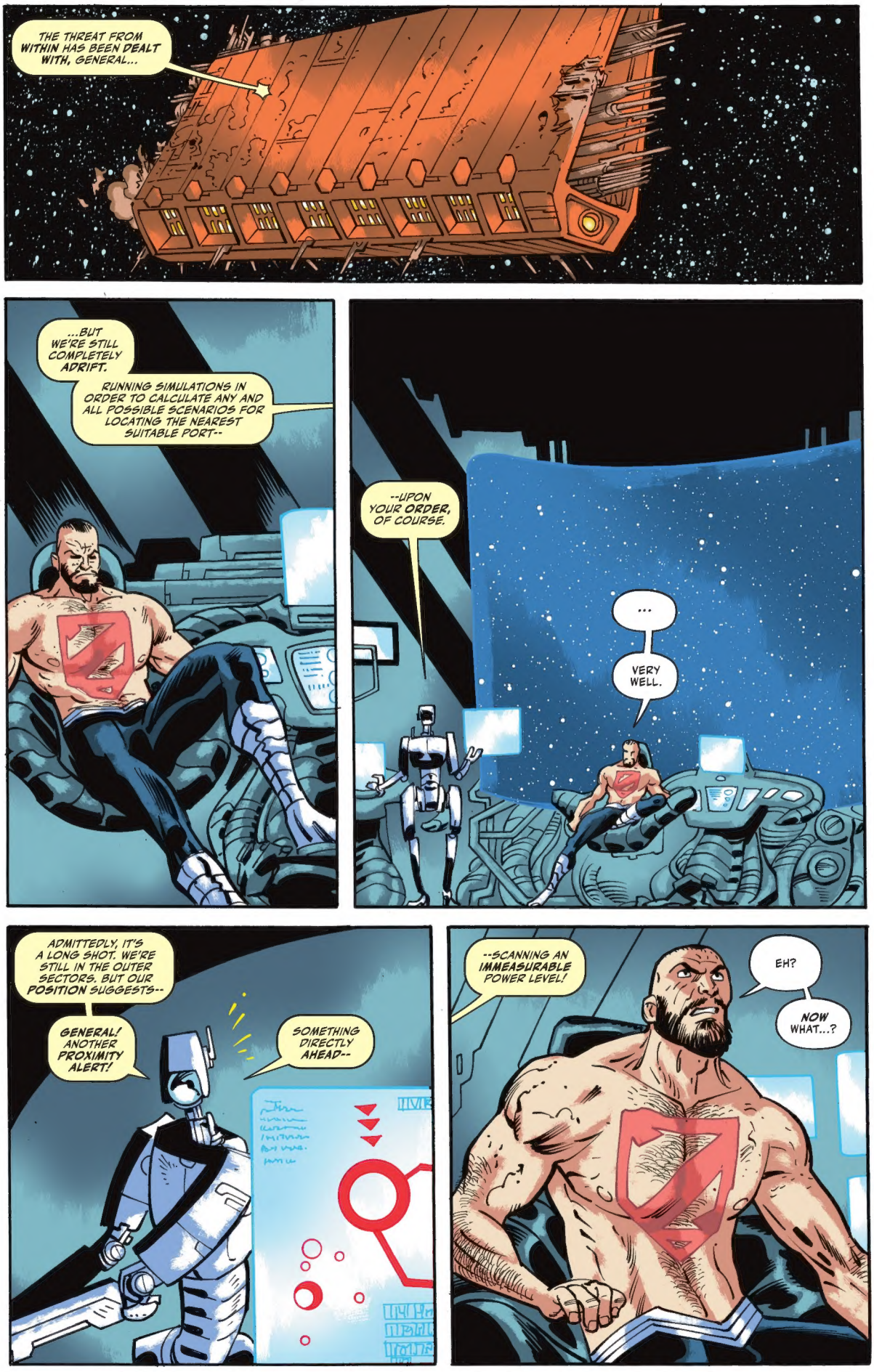
...I-I... PLEDGE M-MY...
...UNDYING... LOYALTY...
...TO YOU...

TOO LITTLE.
TOO LATE.

THE UNIVERSE DOESN'T PROVIDE. IT ONLY TAKES AWAY.
BELIEVE ME, I KNOW--

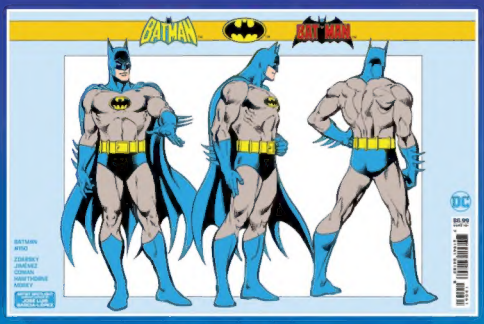

--BETTER THAN ANY.

WE ARE EACH HURLED HEADLONG INTO THE ABYSS...
...AND WE ALL DIE ALONE.
THANK YOU FOR THE REMINDER.


THE THREAT FROM WITHIN HAS BEEN DEALT WITH, GENERAL...
...BUT WE'RE STILL COMPLETELY ADRIFT.
RUNNING SIMULATIONS IN ORDER TO CALCULATE ANY AND ALL POSSIBLE SCENARIOS FOR LOCATING THE NEAREST SUITABLE PORT--
--UPON YOUR ORDER, OF COURSE.
...
VERY WELL.
ADMITTEDLY, IT'S A LONG SHOT. WE'RE STILL IN THE OUTER SECTORS. BUT OUR POSITION SUGGESTS--
GENERAL! ANOTHER PROXIMITY ALERT!
SOMETHING DIRECTLY AHEAD--
--SCANNING AN IMMEASURABLE POWER LEVEL!
EH?
NOW WHAT...?

NEXT:
SINESTRO OF KORUGAR!

LEGENDARY ARTIST
JOSÉ LUIS GARCÍA-LÓPEZ
GETS THE SPOTLIGHT IN THESE AWE-INSPIRING VARIANT COVERS!



BATMAN #150

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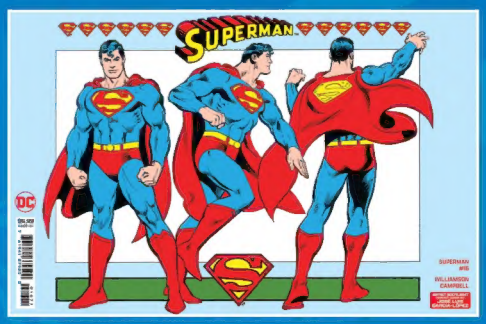

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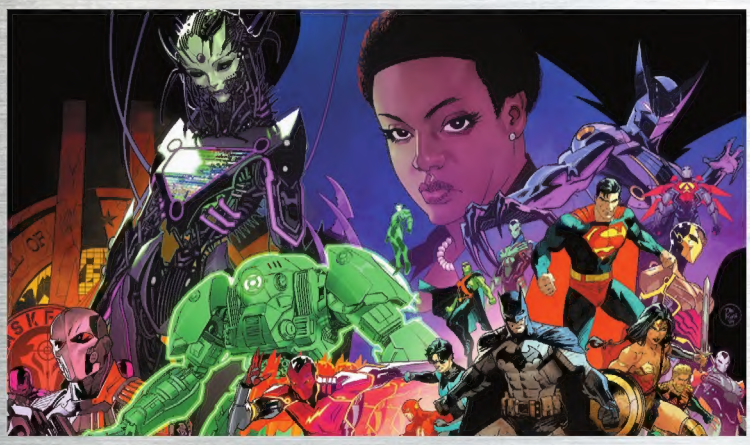
INTERVIEW WITH MARK WAID

Thanks to the combined forces of Failsafe and the Brainiac Queen, Amanda Waller has stolen the metahuman abilities of every hero and villain on Earth. But it's not the powers that make DC's heroes super, and in *Absolute Power* by the superstar team of writer Mark Waid and artist Dan Mora, a resistance will rise to take the fight to Waller's Task Force VII—though the odds have never been worse for our heroes.



Mark, what does taking away the powers of DC's heroes allow you to explore in these characters that fans haven't seen before?

Genuine, down-to-the-bone fear. Not only are the heroes utterly powerless, but every resource has been taken from them. Because Waller knows everyone's secrets, she's been able to cut heroes off from their home bases and strip them of their equipment—no Bat-arsenal for you, Bruce; no Terrifictech for you, Mr. Terrific; no lasso for you, Wonder Woman. Waller's sealed the time stream. She's walled off the Multiverse and the Microverse. She's had the Earth quarantined by the United Planets, leaving the heroes nowhere to run, nowhere to retreat. Ordinary people won't help the heroes because Waller's used A.I. fake news to convince humanity that the heroes have gone berserk. And the relentless Amazos just won't stop hunting them, not for one second.

Remember, I've read every single DC superhero comic ever, and I am here to tell you, I set out to make things more hopeless for our heroes than they have ever been. And that's just in the first issue.

***Absolute Power* encompasses multiple heroes and villains from across the DC Universe. Who are you having the most fun writing in this story? Which characters should readers keep an eye on that might be unexpected?**

I think everyone will be surprised at who's leading the powerless heroes—it's not Superman, Batman, or Wonder Woman, but the choice, to me, was obvious. Jon Kent and Dreamer have also become major players, as has Steve Trevor.

Plus, from the Island of Totally Forgotten Heroes, we've drafted Air Wave into the fight for a very specific reason. And what the hell is happening with Green Arrow, man?

Fans are familiar with the pairing of you and Dan Mora from *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, but what are you seeing from his work in *Absolute Power* that has surprised you?

I didn't know Dan *could* surprise me any further, but I was wrong. The stakes in *Absolute Power* are so, so much higher than they are in *World's Finest*, and Dan expertly creates a sense of dread that permeates every page of this book.

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